Docket No.: MAS-FIN-141

9/ELECTION 7.23-02 Mulish

COPY OF PAPERS ORIGINALLY FILED

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date indicated below:

By: Norms Noll

Date: July 1, 2002

JUL 0 8 2002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor :

Robert-Christian Hagen et al.

Applic. No. Filed

09/993,266

:

November 19, 2001

Title

Electronic Component with Shelding and Method for its

Production

Examiner :

Chandra P. Chaudhari

Art Unit: 2813

RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 30, 2002, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect group II, claims 1-12, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the method claims of group I at a later date and/or to request a rejoinder under MPEP §821.04.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 1-12 is solicited.

30 Port 1977 TAN 5 PORT 1981

Respectfully submitted,

₹

MARKUS NOLFF REG. NO. 37,006

For Applicants

Date: July 1, 2002

Lerner and Greenberg, P.A.

Post Office Box 2480

Hollywood, FL 33022-2480

Tel: (954) 925-1100

Fax: (954) 925-1101

/bmb